

Special Issue

Smart City Planning with Spatial Information: Evolution, Contextual Adaptation, and Policy Shifts

Message from the Guest Editors

The aim of this Special Issue is to connect the smart city debate with Land's focus on land-system science, land governance, and urban–rural linkages. We invite contributions that use spatial information to shed light on planning choices, implementation constraints (funding, capacity, vendor lock-in), and outcomes (environmental performance, accessibility, inclusion). Papers may address cities and city regions, as well as smart village initiatives that extend digital and planning tools to rural territories. Suggested themes and article types include the following:

- Evolution of the smart city;
- Contextual variation;
- Urban planning content transformations;
- Resource dependence and adaptation;
- Is “smart city” still the dominant paradigm?
- Method papers on integrating heterogeneous spatial datasets for planning evaluation.
- Comparative case studies, reviews and policy analyses bridging urban and rural (smart villages).

Article types: original research, review papers, methodological notes, case reports, comparative studies, and policy analyses. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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